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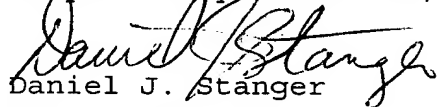
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 6, 2004, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention defined by the Examiner as Group I, including claims 20, 21, 24, 29, 33-36 and 53-59. The election is made without traverse.

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